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## **St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update**

### **Food Resources Available**

St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page announced yesterday that \$2.6 million from the CARES Act grant was awarded to five community partners working to connect food with families struggling during the COVID-19 crisis. Below is a list of resources and contact information for those in need. Please do not hesitate to reach out or contact for questions. The County's partner agencies report that up to 75 percent of people seeking assistance from a food pantry are doing so for the first time.

- Operation Food Search <https://www.operationfoodsearch.org/>
- St. Louis Area Food Bank <https://stlfoodbank.org/>
- Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis <https://www.ulstl.com/>
- Link Market <https://linkmarket.org/>
- Potbangerz <https://www.potbangerz.org/>

Additional food resources can be found [here](#), and a complete list of utility programs also showing community support, including electric, water, etc., can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **Language Clarification**

In an effort to provide more clarity for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the Restaurant Operating Protocol document, the language will now state the following:

*Face coverings must always be worn by employees and it is suggested that guests wear them when entering and leaving the restaurant, removing them only while at their tables.*

The previous language stated the following:

*Use protective equipment – a fabric face cover must always be worn by employees and guests.*

The goal of this modification is to assist in more precise direction.

### **Dignified Transfer Center**

The Dignified Transfer Center is currently accommodating 1 decedents. 51 additional individuals have been through the center and transported to a crematorium or funeral home, at the request of family. To date, 52 individuals have entered the Dignified Transfer Center.

### **Contact Information**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877) 435-8411. The St. Louis County website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19 is [www.stlcorona.com](http://www.stlcorona.com). Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information.

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